

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, between lines 5 and 6 (underneath the title), insert –
Background of the Invention –;

Page 2, before line 1, insert – Summary of the Invention –;

Change page 6, lines 8-9 to read as follows:

– In another embodiment of the invention, the spring element is
designed according to the description herein ~~claim 1 and/or according to the~~
~~characterizing portion of one of claims 2 to 13.~~ –;

Change page 9, lines 14-15 to read as follows:

– In another embodiment of the invention, the spring element is
designed according to the description herein ~~claim 16 and/or according to one of~~
~~the characteristic parts of claims 17 to 24.~~

Brief Description of the Drawings –; and

Page 10, between lines 14 and 15 insert – Description of the Preferred
Embodiments –.